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THE GREAT SILENT TRIBUTE

VOICE an adverse criticism of the Red Cross in front of a soldier that has seen service on any of the battle fields of Europe during the present war. Then get ready to defend yourself. For you will certainly start trouble immediately. As a matter of fact the soldier is not likely to wait for any explanation you may have. He will undoubtedly, if he is true to form as they say in sporting circles, carry the fight to you without any hesitation. Such loyalty is seldom seen nor heard of in other walks of life. And it is hard for us that have not had the experiences of the soldier to understand such loyalty. It is perhaps the greatest silent tribute that the Red Cross receives. Soldiers, as a general rule, do not speak of the Red Cross work. It brings to them too many painful memories. But their gratitude is the gratitude that lies deep within their souls, but not too deep, that is never forgotten and that rouses them to spring instantly to the defense of that organization upon the slightest pretext. They are likely to remember that it was the ambulance bearers, the nurses and the physicians all in their turn that rendered aid when aid was so vitally necessary. They do not forget the many acts of kindness, the countless deeds of heroism of the ambulance bearers, the watchful care, the wholehearted willingness to do all possible to ease their suffering.

A COLLOSAL IMPUDENCE

STRETCHING out across the entire world are to be found today plans that have for their purpose the placing of German made goods. Despite the tremendous amount of suffering that the Boche has brought to humanity, the non-combatants that he has deliberately murdered wherever his mailed fist pushed its way; the countless number of women that have been sacrificed to his soldiers; the children that have been mutilated and to whose lips rise curses when he is mentioned, despite all these things and despite the fact that the entire world knows him today for what he is, he still lays plans to win back the good will and the patronage of the civilized world. It is a colossal piece of impudence. He bases his conclusions upon what he undoubtedly believes to be an unalterable fact, namely, that despite his past he will be welcome if he but produce goods cheaper than his competitors. Reduced to the last analysis his conclusion is that the whole world will forget because the lust for gain is the most powerful factor in our lives today.

There will be greater consolidation in Germany, more thorough amalgamation, more thorough centralization than there was before the war started. It was this some consolidation of forces that made it possible for Germany before the present war to sell steel in all parts of the world. The German competed and successfully with all of the large steel producing countries in the world. German salesmen were to be found everywhere and they were given every support by the government. Through bureaucratic control of industry, commerce and labor Germany was able to produce steel cheaper and consequently her salesmen were able to dispose of their goods in practically all markets. All that Germany did before the war along those lines has been intensified and when the war ends her salesmen will be found again in all of the world's markets. And the German is certain in his own mind that he will have no difficulty in winning back the trade he had before and more. There are those that believe that the German is mistaken. There are those that will never again trade with him on any basis. That is certain. There is too much bitterness. But what about the majority? The satisfied grin on the face of the German that is looking ahead, is that the answer?

THE OUTLOOK FOR MINING

NEVER before in the history of the mining industry has the outlook been so bright as at present. Metals are selling at higher levels than ever before. This is in answer to the demand which is greater than ever before. And there is every reason to believe that after the present conflict is over and peace once more restored that the heavy demand will continue for many years to come. There will be a period of rebuilding that will make its demands felt practically as soon as the war ceases. Time was when men of means refused to go into the mining business. Asked for their reasons they answered that although they did not mind taking the risks of developing a property, the risk of litigation was more than they cared to tackle. In other words there has been entirely too much litigation in the mining industry. That one feature has kept much capital away for capital is very timid when it comes to litigation or the risk of litigation. There is every reason to believe, however, that the present bills before congress, namely the Pittman bill relative to silver and the Henderson bill relative to the amendment of a codifying of the present mining laws, will be passed.

The passage of the bill to amend the present law relative to extra lateral rights will save the mining industry an enormous amount of money, money that heretofore was paid out for costly litigation. It should be welcomed by every man that owns a share of mining stock. And it naturally follows that every shareholder should immediately write to both the members of the house and of the senate requesting the passage of the bill. The passage of that one bill will do more for the mining industry than any other measure that has ever come before congress. Relative to the stockholders' interest in it, if it did no more than remove the means used by unscrupulous stock manipulators to hammer down stocks only to buy them in at the lower prices it will have done much. The "apex litigation" scare has been worked countless times by stock manipulators. Stories that were practically impossible to run to their source would be started regarding an impending "apex suit," and they generally followed a development of importance in the mine which had caused the stock to raise rapidly in price. Brokers that had sold the stock short and that wanted to cover those short sales were generally the source of the rumors that were started.

NOTES ON SPORTING EVENTS

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—The death knell of Rugby, as far as intercollegiate competition on the Pacific coast is concerned, has been rung by the decision of Stanford University not to participate in athletic competition against other institutions for the duration of the war.

The Stanford-Santa Clara annual Rugby game has been the only intercollegiate contest in the English game for the past few years, or since the University of California returned to the American game. With the elimination of this contest only minor games between a few schools and athletic clubs which maintain Rugby teams will remain.

Abolition of intercollegiate major athletic competition is entirely a war action taken for the purpose of concentrating on the preparation of men for war service, according to President Ray Lyman Wilbur. Athletics of all kind which tend toward the physical training required by men in the army will be encouraged to the utmost by intramural contests.

Intensive military training is being given at Stanford now, the number of hours of drill for members of the reserve officers' training corps having been increased at the beginning of the spring quarter to six a week. From one to four hours of college credit is being given for this. Upperclassmen get two or four units and underclassmen one or three. Either military or physical training is being required at Stanford now for all undergraduates during their first two years of residence. Although the work is compulsory, the student is given the choice of military or physical training.

The military department has been given a place in the university curriculum along with other departments. Two captains on the retired list have been detailed to Stanford by the war department to give instruction.

(By Associated Press.)
DETROIT, April 20.—Now that Manager Jennings has been using his recruit first baseman, Leo Dessen, as lead-off man in the batting order, local sport writers are predicting that the Detroit Americans will prove unusually dangerous on attack this year.

Despite the slugging ability of the Tigers and the individual base stealing ability of Cobb, the Detroit club seldom has used the double steal play. If Dessen can scoot around the bases as he did in the American association, or ever maintain the speed he has shown in practice games this spring, he should prove an effective partner for Tyrus.

Bush has been lead-off man for several seasons and he is fast on the bases but, normally, he is considered a 230 hitter. If Dessen can hit 275 or better, Jennings expects to have a championship offensive.

Dessen will be followed by Bush in the batting order. Then will come Cobb, Veach and Hellmann, all sluggers. Young and Vitt who follow are fair hitters, but both are regarded as mighty dangerous in pinches. Jennings figures that he will have a solid front of dangerous batsmen all the way down to the catcher, while Oscar Stange, the first string backstop, is a regular Cobb when he is in the midst of one of his hitting streaks.

Two or three times a season, Stange breaks into the limelight with a series of batting performances that threaten to boost his average into the .300 class. But eventually the streak, like "the flower that blooms in the spring," withers and dies and Stan has to wait until the spirit moves.

(By Associated Press.)
ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 20.—Michigan's track team which looked like 30 cents at Christmas, and which now is casting eyes at the conference title, lost no time in starting its outdoor work.

Michigan expects to enter two or more relay teams and, of course, will have Carl Johnson to the hurdles, the 100-yard dash and, possibly, the high jump. This star is expected to win at least two first places.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, April 20.—Dan O'Leary, veteran world's champion walker, is in training here for his 1100 mile walk to Mineral Wells, Tex. He plans to start the latter part of this month. Although nearing his seventy-seventh birthday, O'Leary believes he will make the distance in twenty-six or twenty-seven days. He expects to average forty miles a day.

O'Leary is going to try a diet of bran bread and sour milk on the way south and eat meat only if he finds he is losing weight. He plans to have bread shipped to him at points along the route.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PAUL, April 20.—Jack Dempsey, the Pacific coast heavyweight, and Billy Miske, of St. Paul, will meet in a ten-round contest here on May 3 instead of April 26, the original date. The change was made at the request of Dempsey.

(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBUS, O., April 20.—Mordecai Brown, the veteran major league pitcher, star of "three fingered" fame, again will assist Joe Tinker, manager of the Columbus club, this season. Tinker is relying on Brown to instruct young pitchers.

(By Associated Press.)
MALESTER, Okla., April 20.—The Western association, hard hit like all other Class D leagues, will open the 1918 season this year with only four clubs. Last year the league finished the season with eight clubs, Muskogee, Tulsa, Sapulpa, Okla., and Denison and Sherman were the teams forced out.

WET SPOT IN NAVY

(By Associated Press.)
BREMERTON, Wash., April 20.—What is believed to be the only "wet" spot within the limits of any navy yard in the country is at the Puget Sound naval station here. It is a foreign warship of a nation that permits its men-of-war-men to have their "tot-o'-grog" regularly, and despite the orders of Secretary Daniels which prohibit liquor on naval property, to say nothing of the state of Washington's "dry" law, a bugle call summons the foreign sailors at certain periods each day to "splice the main brace." The warship, being foreign territory, naturally is not governed by domestic laws of the United States.

BUYS MANY BONDS

(By Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, April 20.—W. L. Christian was a wholesale liquor dealer here until the operation of the new "dry" law put him out of business. He was asked to subscribe to the third Liberty loan and told the committee that in spite of the fact that recent federal enactments had had much to do with the ending of his business was with the government; and he gave his check for \$50,000 and promised another equal subscription just as soon as he could arrange for the necessary funds.

TRACTORS REPLACING TEAMS

(By Associated Press.)
MOSCOW, La., April 20.—Tractors have proved a paying investment for 72 per cent of the farmers of Idaho who own them, according to a survey of power farming in the state made by the agricultural engineering department of the University of Idaho here. Where the farm is adapted and the operator reasonably careful and efficient the tractor has been found successful, it is declared.

DAY'S WORLD WAR NEWS GENERALIZED

(By Associated Press.)
Over the battlefields of France and Flanders, where terrific struggles have been waged almost without intermission since March 21, there has come what appears to be a lull. Official reports tell little of actual conditions. They say that the situation is unchanged, which may indicate that both sides are exhausted by their exertions in the engagements that have been fought or that they are busy bringing up artillery and fresh troops to renew the struggle.

Correspondents at the front tell of miserable weather—cold and rain and sleet—to add to the already known bad condition of the lowlands which are virtually mires through which the men and materials can be moved only with difficulty.

The opposing armies have been fighting in a flat marshy country since April 9 and this ground, difficult enough under normal conditions, has been made still more nearly impassable by rains and the tempest of high explosive shells that has blasted roads and fields. It appears, however, that the Germans have not repeated their thrust along the line running north of Beuville where they met with a sanguinary repulse Wednesday and Thursday. They employed about 75,000 men along a line variously reported to be from six to ten miles in length, but gained little or no ground. The La Bassee canal front is still in British hands and bridges hung across it by the Germans have been swept away by the artillery fire. The blow aimed by the French at the very apex of the German lines in Picardy in front of Amiens, apparently has not been followed up. It is difficult to believe that the allied counter offensive, when it comes, will be launched in this sector. Advances from France would seem to indicate that the blow would be struck at another part of the battle line.

The southern end of the battle front in France has shared in the quiet that has enveloped other sectors of the line. Only raiding operations and artillery duels are reported there.

An interesting dispatch tells of the moving of Italian troops to France. This would point to one of two developments. Either the Italian front is in no particular danger at the present moment or else General Foch is calling every available man to swell the army that he will hurl at the foe when the moment for battle arrives.

It is probable, however, that the force of Italians en route to the French front is comparatively small.

The German torpedo boat flotilla has been active along the coast sector of the battle line and have shelled the Belgian positions there. This may foreshadow a German attempt to drive westward through Nieuport.

The long range bombardment of Paris ceased for two days and it was hoped that the French had found the exact location of a heavy German gun and put it out of action. This hope, however, failed when the bombardment of Paris was resumed last evening.

The Turks are continuing their advance in Caucasia and are approaching Harz, the leading city of one of the districts given to Turkey under the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty. They are already in control of Batum where they captured 3100 men of whom 600 were officers.

In Italy, Macedonia, Palestine and Mesopotamia there has been no recent fighting reported.

LEARN FIRE DRILL

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, April 20.—Lessons on fire prevention contained in a sixteen-page illustration pamphlet have been sent out to 200,000 school children in California by G. M. Homan, state forester. The value of fire prevention in peace as well as war times is emphasized in the pamphlet and particular attention is directed to the need because of the war to keep forest, range and grain fields free from fire at this time.

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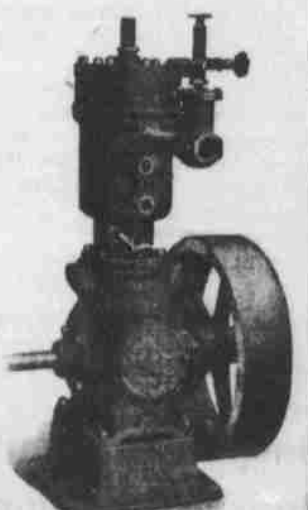
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